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BBER AND BILLINGS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO SPONSOR ECONOMIC OUTLOOK SEMINAR

MISSOULA --

The role of Montana's natural resource industries in the statewide and local economies is the featured topic of the 11th annual Economic Outlook Seminar scheduled for February 4 at the Northern Hotel in Billings.

The seminar is cosponsored by the University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research and the Billings Area Chamber of Commerce.

Bureau Director Maxine Johnson will discuss resource industries on a statewide scale, while three local individuals directly involved in coal, oil and gas, and agriculture will discuss those industries' prospects in more detail. They are W.W. Ballard, partner, Balcron Oil Company; John H. "Bud" Leuthold, president, National Association of Wheatgrowers; and Martin White, chairman, Western Energy Company.

Susan Selig Wallwork, research associate at the Bureau, will assess Montanans' perception of the natural resource industries, using information from a recently completed statewide Bureau survey.

The prospects for the Billings local economy in general will be handled by Paul Polzin, director of forecasting at the Bureau. Mary L. Lenihan, Bureau editor, will present the results of an ongoing statewide and area survey of consumer sentiment conducted by the Bureau.

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The luncheon speaker, Michael P. Malone, dean of graduate studies and professor of history at Montana State University, will discuss "The Historical Roots of Anti-Corporate Sentiment in Montana."

The seminar will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and costs \$40 per person, including lunch. Registration details are available from the Billings Area Chamber of Commerce, 245-4111.

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